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SUBJECT: UNESCO: 104TH EXBD: ITEM 7.1.6 ISRAELI
REACTIONS

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1. MEIR JIFFE, ISRAELI PERMREP CALLED TODAY TO ASK
WHAT REACTIONS WE HAD NOTED TO YESTERDAY'S ADOPTION OF
DR 3 REVISED. WE TOLD HIM WE HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY
REACTION FROM DEPARTMENT OR OTHER SOURCE.

2. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT AFP HAS THE STORY,
BUT HE SAID THAT THE ISRAELI DELEGATION HAD NOT
TIPPED OFF ANYONE.

3. JOFFE DESCRIBED THREE APPROACHES THAT HAD BEEN MADE
TO HIM DURING COFFEE BREAK PRECEDING FINAL
ACTION ON MAY 11, BY VALERY (FRANCE), MARTIN (UK), AND
SECRETARIAT REP. ALL THREE HAD ASKED IF ISRAELI
SPECIAL REP NAJAR INTENDED TO SPEAK. JOFFE REPLIED
THAT WHAT HAD BEEN TAKING PLACE WAS CLEARLY A POLITICAL
DEBATE, AND THAT NAJAR FELT HE HAD TO SPEAK. JOFFE
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RECALLED THAT MARTIN HAD EARLIER TRIED TO DISSUADE
NAJAR FROM SPEAKING. JOFFE IS CONVINCED THAT THE DEAL
TO FORCE CLOSURE WAS COOKED DURING THE COFFEE BREAK.
HE SAID CHOICE OF RAHNEMA (IRAN) TO MOVE CLOSURE WAS
ADROIT, SINCE THE SPECIAL RELATION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND
IRAN PUT PRESSURE ON ISRAEL NOT TO GO AGAINST
IRAN.

4. JOFFE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT THIS WAS A VERY SERIOUS DEVELOPMENT, AND HE NOW ANTICIPATES THE WORST DURING THE DISCUSSION OF ITEM 5.1.5 (IMPLEMENTATION OF 18 C/RESOLUTION 13.1 AND 19 C/RESOLUTION 15.1 CONCERNING EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES: REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL.) A DAY AND A HALF HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED FOR DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM, AND JOFFE FEELS THIS CAN ONLY LEAD TO A LONG SERIES OF POLITICAL STATEMENTS.
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